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Analytical method development and validation for the estimation of Indinavir by RP-HPLC

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ABSTRACT

A simple, rapid, accurate, precise, specific, robust, reproducible reverse phase High Performance Liquid Chromatography method was developed for the estimation of Indinavir in bulk drug and Pharmaceutical dosage form. The quantification was carried out using BDS (250 X 4.6 mm, 5 μ) column with mobile phase comprising 0.1% OPA: acetonitrile in 45:55% v/v at flow rate 1ml/min. Detection was carried out at 258 nm using PDA detector with injection volume 10 μ l. The retention time was found to be 2.469 minutes. The proposed method was validated as per ICH guidelines. The method produced linear response in the concentration range of 20-100 μ g/ml ($R^2=0.9999$). The recovery studies were carried out and found to be within 98.0% - 102.0%. % RSD was found to be below 2%. LOD (Limit of Detection) and LOQ (Limit of Quantification) of Indinavir for this method were found to be 0.24 μ g/ml and 0.73 μ g/ml respectively.

Keywords: Indinavir, acetonitrile, RP-HPLC, Validation, ICH guidelines.

INTRODUCTION

Indinavir is (2S)-1-[(2S,4R)-4-benzyl-2-hydroxy-5-[[[(1S,2R)-2-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl]amino]-5-oxo-pentyl]-N-tert-butyl-4-(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)piperazine-2-carboxamide [1]. It belongs to the class of protease inhibitor use as a component of highly active anti retro viral therapy to treat HIV/AIDS. It prevents the cleavage of the gag poly protein results in non-infectious, immature viral particles by inhibiting HIV viral protease enzyme [2]. It has a molecular formula of $C_{36}H_{47}N_5O_4$ and a molecular weight 613.7895 g/mol. Its structure is given in figure No. 1. Literature survey revealed that studies had been carried out on Indinavir on RP-HPLC, LCMS/MS [3-11]. The focus of present study was to develop and validate a rapid, stable and economic RP-HPLC method for the estimation of Indinavir in bulk and its formulation. In the present study, a new RP-HPLC method was developed which shown high reproducibility and sensitivity. The developed method was validated as per ICH guidelines [12].

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Chemicals

Indinavir API and capsules were obtained as a gift sample from Chandra labs. The chemicals acetonitrile, OPA, were HPLC grade, Mumbai, India. Milli-Q water was used.

Instrument:

HPLC (WATERS) with PDA detector was used. EMPOWER software was used.

Methodology:**Preparation of 0.1% ortho phosphoric acid:**

In a 100ml of volumetric flask 0.1ml of ortho phosphoric acid solution is taken and to this adds 100ml of milli-Q water and then final volume was made up to 100 ml with milli-Q water.

Preparation of Mobile Phase:

An accurately measured 0.1% OPA and Acetonitrile in ratio of 45:55 % v/v were filtered through 0.45 μ filter.

Preparation of Diluent:

An accurately measured 500mL of Milli-Q water and 500mL of acetonitrile in the ratio of 50:50 v/v was added, mixed well and sonicated to degas.

Preparation of Standard Solution:

40mg of Indinavir is weighed and placed into a 10 ml of volumetric flask, to this add 5 ml of diluent, For 30 minutes it is sonicated and make up the solution to 10 ml with diluents. From the above stock solution, 2.5 ml is taken in to a 10ml volumetric flask and make up the solution to final volume with diluent. 1ml is taken in to a 10ml volumetric flask and make up the solution to final volume with diluent.

Analysis of Formulation:

5 Capsules of indinavir were weighed. Calculate the Average weight of each Capsule. Now transfer in to 100ml flask i.e., weight equivalent to 100mg is transferred to flask. To this add 70ml of diluent for 30 min it is sonicated, then final volume was made up with diluent. Then the above solutions was filtered and take 1ml of the filtered solution in to 10ml of flask and make up volume with 10ml of diluent.

Preparation of Solution for Selection of Wavelength:

Standard solution of Indinavir was prepared and scanned in the range of 200 nm to 400 nm using a photodiode array detector. The spectrum was recorded.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Validation of developed method:

Method validation as per International Conference of Harmonization is defined as “establishing documented evidence, which provides a high degree of assurance that a specific activity will consistently produce a desired result or product meeting its predetermined specifications and quality characteristics”.

System Suitability Testing:

The chromatographic conditions for the estimation of Indinavir were discussed in Table 1. Indinavir standard drug solution was injected into HPLC system for six times, and checked for the system suitability parameters like theoretical plates, peak purity, tailing factor and % RSD of areas for six injections of standard Indinavir drug solution was calculated. The results were shown in the Table 2.

Blank Interference:

Blank (diluent is considered as a blank here) solution is prepared and injected into HPLC system. Any peak interference at RT (min) of Indinavir peak was checked.

Accuracy:

The accuracy of the method was determined by standard addition method. Known amount of standard drug was added to pre analyzed sample of Indinavir in according to 80%, 100% and 120% levels of labelled claim and then subjected to the proposed method. The percent recovery was calculated and results are presented in Table 3. Satisfactory recoveries ranging from 98% to 102% were obtained by the proposed method. This indicates that the proposed method was accurate.

Precision:

Precision of the method was studied by carrying out intraday, inter day analysis and expressed as percentage Relative Standard Deviation. For this purpose 20(LQC), 60(MQC) and 100 μ g/ml (HQC) solutions were prepared and the absorbance's of the solutions were measured for six times within the same day and in different days at 258nm results are presented in Table 4 and 5.

Linearity:

It is the ability of the method to elicit test results directly proportional to analyte concentration within a given range. Linearity was performed by preparing standard solutions of indinavir at different concentration levels 20, 40, 60, 80, 100 µg/ml and the peak responses were read at 258nm and the corresponding chromatograms were recorded. A linearity plot of concentration over peak areas was constructed. The results were presented in Table 6.

Limit of Detection (LOD) and Limit of Quantization (LOQ)

LOD and LOQ of the drug were calculated using the following equations according to International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guidelines

$$\text{LOD} = 3.3 \times \sigma/S$$

$$\text{LOQ} = 10 \times \sigma/S$$

Where σ = the standard deviation of the response and S = the slope of the regression equation.

Robustness:

Deliberate variations were made to the optimized HPLC conditions, to evaluate robustness, variations made were, flow rate varied by ± 2 ml/min, Column oven temperature by $\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$, wave length varied by ± 2 nm. The results were presented in Table 8.

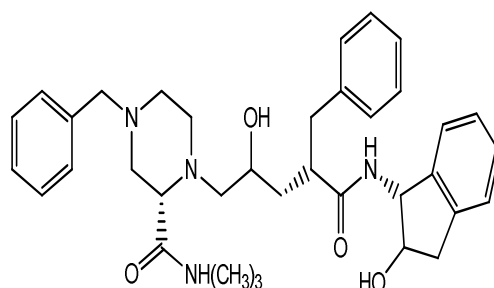


Figure 1: Structure of indinavir

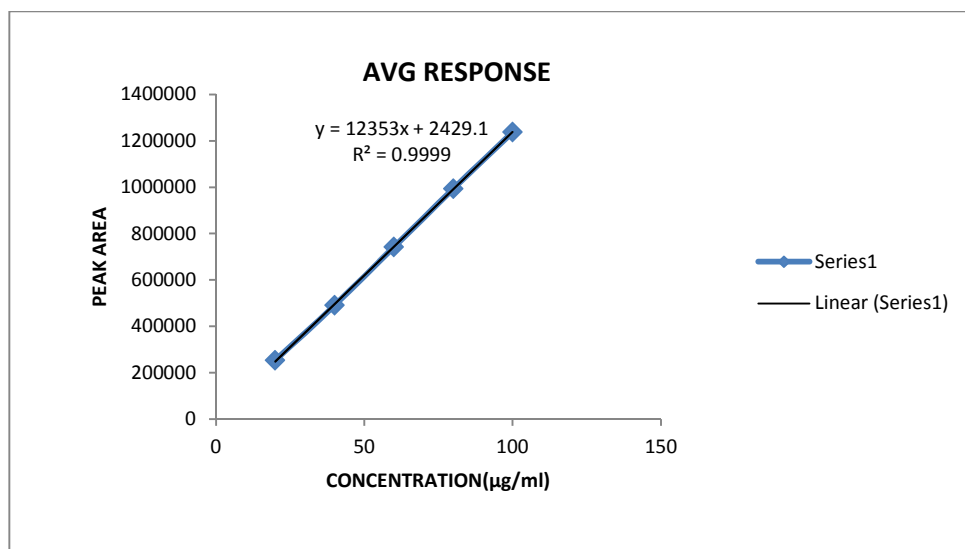


Figure 2: Linearity Curve of Indinavir

INDINAVIR UV SPECTRA

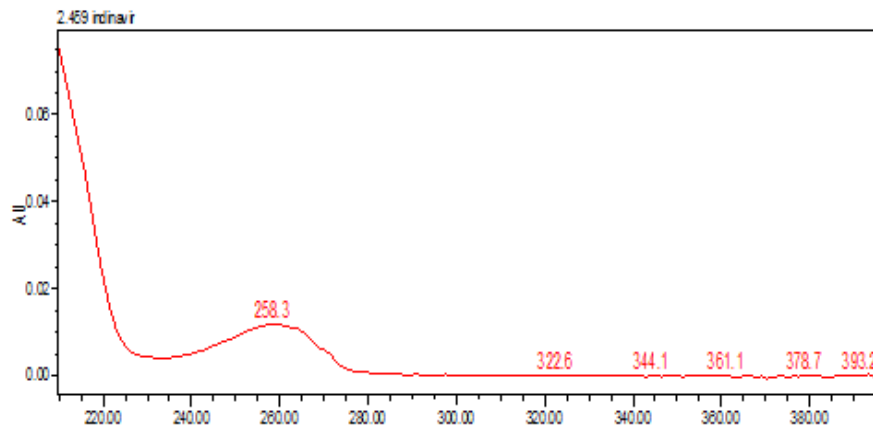


Figure 3: UV spectrum of Indinavir

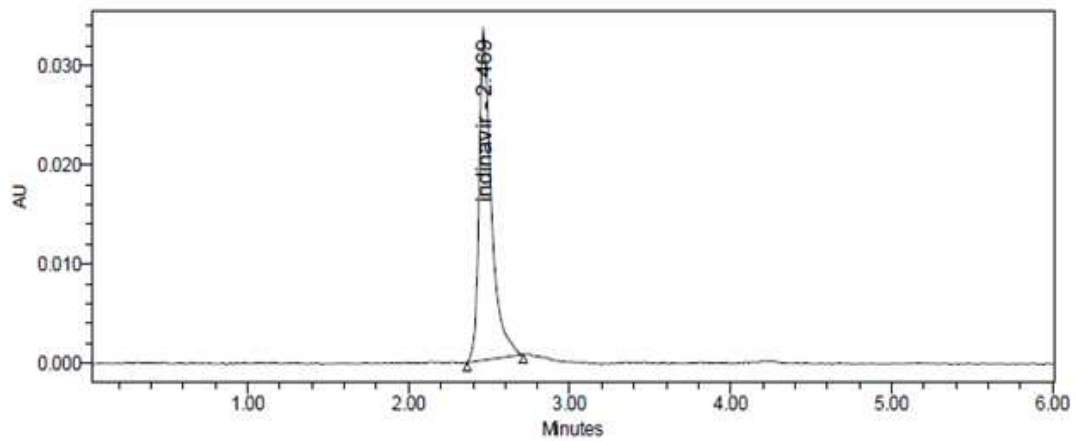


Figure 4: Chromatogram of Indinavir Standard Preparation

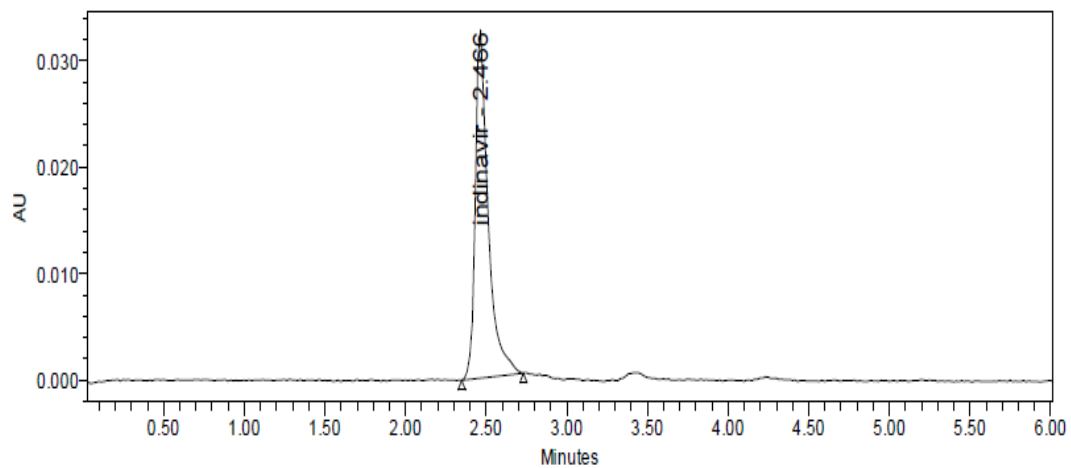


Figure 5: Chromatogram of Indinavir Sample Preparation

Table 1: Optimized chromatographic conditions

S.No	Chromatographic Parameters	Chromatographic Conditions
1.	Column	BDS(250×4.6mm, 5μ)
2.	Column Oven Temperature	25°C
3.	Sample Compartment Temperature	25°C
5.	Mobile phase Composition	0.1%OPA: ACN (45:55v/v)
6.	Flow rate	1.0 ml/min
7.	Injection volume	10μl
8.	Run Time	8 minutes
9.	Wavelength	258nm
10.	Retention Time	2.469

Table 2: System Suitability Testing Parameters Results

S.No	System suitability Parameters	Results	Acceptance Criteria
1.	Tailing factor	1.4	NMT 2.0%
2.	Theoretical plates	5151	NLT 2000
3.	% RSD of areas for five injections of Standard Solution.	0.74	NMT 2.0%

Table 3: Results for Accuracy of Indinavir

S. No	% Spike Level	Pre analysed sample conc. μg/ml	Amount added μg/ml	Amount found	Amount recovery	% Recovery	Mean % Recovery	% RSD
1.	80%	60	48	107.89	47.89	99.77	99.43	0.81
2.		60	48	108.02	48.02	100.04		
3.		60	48	107.28	47.28	98.50		
1.	100%	60	60	119.98	59.98	99.96	99.70	1.00
2.		60	60	119.16	59.16	98.6		
3.		60	60	120.33	60.33	100.55		
1.	120%	60	72	132.08	72.08	100.11	100.31	0.22
2.		60	72	132.20	72.20	100.27		
3.		60	72	132.40	72.40	100.55		

Table 4: Intraday precision

S. No	Samples	Amount found	Percentage%	Mean %	SD	%RSD
1.	LQC (20μg/ml)	20.31	101.55	101.20	0.377	0.37
2.		20.25	101.25			
3.		20.16	100.80			
1.	MQC (60μg/ml)	60.13	100.20	100.40	0.327	0.32
2.		60.49	100.81			
3.		60.22	100.30			
1.	HQC (100μg/ml)	100.36	100.36	100.64	0.476	0.47
2.		101.19	101.19			
3.		100.37	100.37			

Table 5: Inter day precision

S. No	Samples	Amount found	Percentage%	Mean %	SD	%RSD
1.	LQC (20μg/ml)	19.96	99.8	100.61	0.663	0.65
2.		20.15	101.75			
3.		20.26	101.30			
1.	MQC (60μg/ml)	60.23	100.38	100.23	0.236	0.235
2.		59.98	99.96			
3.		60.22	100.36			
1.	HQC (100μg/ml)	100.16	100.16	100.10	0.119	0.11
2.		100.19	100.19			
3.		99.97	99.97			

Table 6: Linearity Results

S.No	Conc.(mcg/ml)	Area		Average Response	Standard Deviation	% RSD
		Res - 1	Res - 2			
1	20	254643	253362	254002	905.80	0.35
2.	40	487836	493371	490603	3913.83	0.79
3.	60	739532	745228	742380	4027.68	0.54
4.	80	989196	996908	993052	5453.20	0.54
5.	100	1242203	1234022	1238112	5784.84	0.10

Table 7: Assay of Formulation

S. No	Formulation	Label claim	Amount Found(n=5)	Assay	%RSD
1.	Indivir	400mg	400.80	100.2%	0.62

Table 8: Robustness Results

Changes in chromatographic conditions			
Parameter	%RSD	Tailing factor	Theoretical plates count
Change in flow rate (± 0.2 mL/min)			
0.8 mL	0.9	1.6	5522
1.2 mL	0.0	1.5	5537
Change in Column oven temperature ($25^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$)			
20 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	0.1	1.3	5522
30 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	1.1	1.3	5548
Change in wavelength ($285\text{nm} \pm 2\text{nm}$)			
256	0.7	1.5	5660
260	0.4	1.4	5556

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